

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 11-14, 16, 17 and 19 are pending in this application. Claims 11 and 12 are independent. The remaining claims depend directly from claim 11 or 12.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 11-14, 16, 17 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,791,703 issued to Maeda *et al.* (hereinafter “Maeda”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,429,952 issued to Olbricht (hereinafter “Olbricht”) further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,956,487 issued to Vankatraman *et al.* (hereinafter “Vankatraman”).

Independent claims 11 and 12 have been amended to clarify that the print acceptance screen itself is sent from the first network printer as suggested by the Examiner. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments. Therefore, for at least the same reasons as explained in the previous Response dated April 25, 2007, Maeda, Olbricht and Vankatraman, whether taken separately or in combination, fail to show or suggest, at least, the limitation, “wherein a computer displays a print acceptance screen sent from a first network printer on a network,” as recited in amended independent claims 11 and 12. Thus, independent claims 11

and 12 are patentable over Maeda, Olbricht and Vankatraman. Claims 13, 14 and 19, directly dependent from claim 11, and claims 16 and 17, directly dependent from claim 12, are allowable for at least same reasons. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591, Reference 04783/012002.

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